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The Secretary-General presents his compliments to the President of the Security Council and, in accordance with paragraph 8 of Security Council resolution 816 (1993), has the honour to bring to his attention further information received by the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) regarding apparent violations of the ban on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Between 31 January and 3 February 1994, there appear to have been 38 flights of fixed- or rotary-wing aircraft in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina other than those exempted in accordance with paragraph 2 of that resolution. Details as to the itinerary of flights in this reporting period are annexed to the present note.

Please note that the total number of flights assessed is now 1,354.

Annex

Information on flights in the airspace of Bosnia and Herzegovina not authorized by the United Nations Protection Force

(31 January-3 February 1994)

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1339	31 Jan.	0037	0102	AWACS made radar contact heading south-west from the Vitez area. Radar contact was lost 5 kilometres west of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 7,000-14,000 feet 90 knots
1340	31 Jan.	0144	0153	AWACS made radar contact in the Posusje area heading north. North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) fighters investigated and made visual contact with a helicopter showing navigation lights. Contact was lost 15 kilometres south-west of Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west then north 6,000 feet 90 knots
1341	31 Jan.	0217	0338	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres north-east of Posusje. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made radar, but not visual, contact. Contact was lost 5 kilometres south of Vitez. At 0248 hours, UNPROFOR personnel observed a helicopter circling over Vitez with anti-aircraft artillery fire being directed at it. At 0311 hours, AWACS made radar contact with a track 5 kilometres south of Vitez. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made radar, but not visual, contact. Contact was lost at Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east 10,000-14,000 feet 90 knots
1342	31 Jan.	1044	1125	United Nations military observers in Zenica observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross markings on the sides and underneath flying from Zenica, heading south-east. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Low Slow
1343	31 Jan.	1045	1048	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue markings land 20 kilometres south-west of Sarajevo. Three minutes later the helicopter took off. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing and taking off Low Slow
1344	31 Jan.	1256	1257	United Nations military observers in Zenica observed a white MI-17 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross markings on the sides and underneath flying towards Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	North-west Low Unknown

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1345	31 Jan.	1319	1416	United Nations military observers in Zenica observed a white MI-8 helicopter with a blue stripe and red cross markings on the sides and underneath flying from Zenica, heading south-east. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica from the east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West Low Slow
1346	31 Jan.	1340	1347	AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres south-west of Prozor, heading north. Contact was lost 5 kilometres south-west of Prozor. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east Low Slow
1347	31 Jan.	1338	1516	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying from Zenica. UNPROFOR personnel observed the same helicopter at 1355 hours 20 kilometres south-west of Vitez. The helicopter was observed on the ground at 1410 hours loading an artillery piece, 4 boxes of ammunition and 10 men. The helicopter took off at 1420 hours heading south-east. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Low Slow
1348	31 Jan.	1444	1508	AWACS made radar contact 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with an MI-8 helicopter. The helicopter landed 16 kilometres south-east of Vitez. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Various Low 100 knots
1349	31 Jan.	1525	1603	United Nations military personnel in Zenica observed a white MI-8 helicopter (tail No. T9-HAD) with a blue stripe and red cross markings on the side and underneath flying from Zenica, heading south-east. At 1558 hours, AWACS made radar contact 20 kilometres south-east of Vitez. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with the same helicopter. Contact was lost just south of Zenica. United Nations military observers in Zenica observed the helicopter returning to Zenica from the south-east, chased by NATO fighter aircraft. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east Low to 4,000 feet 100 knots
1350	31 Jan.	2247	2338	UNPROFOR personnel observed an MI-8 helicopter landing in the vicinity of Vitez. At 2315 hours, AWACS made radar contact in the Vitez area, heading south-west. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a dark coloured MI-8 helicopter with no lights. The helicopter landed at Posusje stadium. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	Landing Low Slow

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1351	1 Feb.	0055	0112	AWACS made radar contact 37 kilometres west of Posusje, heading east. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made visual contact with a dark coloured MI-8 helicopter. The helicopter landed at the stadium in Posusje. Three additional helicopters were observed at the landing site. The helicopter was met at the stadium by a large truck. A short time later the stadium lights were turned off. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East 3,000 feet Unknown
1352	1 Feb.	0910	1310	This flight began as an approved MEDEVAC from Pale to Zvornik and return. It became a violation when it did not return directly to Pale as approved. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Unknown Low Slow
1353	1 Feb.	0920	1048	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter (tail No. T9-HAG) with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and belly flying from Zenica, heading east. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica from the east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east 100 feet Slow
1354	1 Feb.	1231	1458	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter (tail No. T9-HAG) with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying from Zenica, heading east. At 1420 hours, United Nations military observers observed the helicopter landing 25 kilometres south of Kiseljak. Wooden boxes were observed being unloaded by Bosnia and Herzegovina soldiers. Sacks of food aid were loaded onto the helicopter prior to its taking off. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica from the east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East then west 100 feet Slow
1355	1 Feb.	1533	1636	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter (tail No. T9-HAG) with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and the belly flying from Zenica, heading east. The same helicopter was later observed returning to Zenica from the east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east 200 feet Slow
1356	1 Feb.	1638	1639	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter flying towards Zenica, coming from the east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	West 200 feet Slow
1357	1 Feb.	22.14	23.03	UNPROFOR personnel reported hearing a helicopter flying low in the vicinity of Vitez. A NATO fighter aircraft was alerted and at 2243 hours AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres south of Vitez, heading south. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made radar but not visual contact. Contact was lost in the vicinity of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South 6,000-10,000 feet 94 knots

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1358	2 Feb.	0910	1510	The flight started as an approved MEDEVAC flight of a green MI-8 helicopter (tail No. 12369) with a Serb flag and red cross from Pale to Zvornik. The request for this flight was not approved by Civil Affairs as requested ground time at destination was excessive. The United Nations military observer team at Pale observed the helicopter take off at 0910 hours and return at 1510 hours. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	Flight details unknown
1359	2 Feb.	0947	1021	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath flying south-east away from Zenica. The same helicopter was later observed heading north-west towards Zenica, where it landed. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1360	2 Feb.	1000	1015	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres north-east of Posusje. Contact was lost 20 kilometres north of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North Low Slow
1361	2 Feb.	1025	1057	United Nations military observers observed a green MI-8 helicopter heading east at low level along the Rama valley, near Prozor. The same helicopter was later sighted heading west along the same valley. The unauthorized flight occurred between an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina and one controlled by Bosnian Croats.	East then west Low Slow
1362	2 Feb.	1108	1125	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath flying south-east at low level from Zenica. The same helicopter was later observed flying towards Zenica, heading north-west. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1363	2 Feb.	1215	1332	The flight began as an approved MEDEVAC flight by a Croatian MI-8 helicopter (tail No. H-213) from Divulje to Kiseljak, returning with patients to Split hospital. At Kiseljak, a group of five civilians claiming to be a television crew were observed to board the aircraft by United Nations military observers. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	North-east then south-west High and low Slow
1364	2 Feb.	1235	1243	AWACS made radar contact 8 kilometres south-east of Brcko. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made radar, but not visual, contact. Contact was lost 8 kilometres north of Bijeljina. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East Low Slow

Serial No.	Date	Start	End	Remarks	Heading, speed, altitude
1365	2 Feb.	1412	1430	NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a dark green MI-8 helicopter with red cross markings landing 8 kilometres south of Vlasenica. One male was seen to leave the helicopter carrying a briefcase. The helicopter took off and flew south-east, landing at Pale. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east 3,000-1,000 feet Slow
1366	2 Feb.	1417	1428	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres south of Bijelina. The contact headed south-east crossing the border into Serbia. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	South-east Low Slow
1367	2 Feb.	1417	1439	AWACS made radar contact 50 kilometres east of Banja Koviljaca in Serbia. The contact crossed the border into the no-fly zone 8 kilometres east of Bijelina, heading north-west. Contact was lost at Bijelina. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	North-west Low Slow
1368	3 Feb.	0958	1026	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath heading south-east at low altitude away from Zenica. The same helicopter was observed a short time later flying over Fojnica. The helicopter was later seen returning to Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1369	3 Feb.	1020	1021	United Nations military observers observed a green MI-8 helicopter 10 kilometres south of Zenica. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Low Slow
1370	3 Feb.	1028	1037	AWACS made radar contact 10 kilometres north-west of Posusje heading south-west. Contact was lost 20 kilometres south of Posusje. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Croats.	South-west 6,300 feet 100 knots
1371	3 Feb.	1215	1236	AWACS made radar contact 5 kilometres north-west of Banja Luka, heading east. NATO fighter aircraft investigated and made radar, but not visual, contact. Contact was lost 3 kilometres north of Banja Luka. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by Bosnian Serbs.	East Low Unknown
1372	3 Feb.	1220	1248	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath heading south-east at low altitude away from Zenica. The same helicopter was later seen returning to Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow

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1373	3 Feb.	1335	1631	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-17 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath, heading south-east at low altitude away from Zenica. The same helicopter was observed on the ground 10 kilometres south of Zenica at 1350 hours. The helicopter took off at 1450 hours. The same helicopter was later seen returning to Zenica from the south-east and landing. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1374	3 Feb.	1350	1403	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath heading south-east at low altitude away from Zenica. The same helicopter was later seen returning to Zenica from the south-east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1375	3 Feb.	1442	1457	United Nations military observers observed a white MI-8 helicopter with blue stripes and a red cross on the sides and underneath, heading south-east at low altitude away from Zenica. At 1446 hours, NATO fighter aircraft made visual contact with a helicopter south-east of Zenica heading west at low altitude. The same helicopter was later seen returning to Zenica from the south-east and landing. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	South-east then north-west Low Slow
1376	3 Feb.	1504	1506	UNPROFOR personnel observed a blue and green MI-8 helicopter with a red cross underneath 15 kilometres south-west of Vitez, heading east. The unauthorized flight occurred in an area controlled by the Government of Bosnia and Herzegovina.	East Low Slow